

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**LETTER OF RECORD  
TO CORRECT THE LACK OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
OF RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED PRIORITY COPIES  
IN THE NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

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Sir:

Applicant wishes hereby to clarify the following discrepancy noted on the Notice Of Allowability dated 23 February 2005 in the referenced case:

The Notice Of Allowability does not indicate that the certified priority document copies were either received or not received.

Applicant filed certified copies of Japan Patent Applications 2002-215627 and 2002-215628 (both filed 24 July 2002) with the United States Patent And Trademark Office concurrently with the filing of the referenced application on 21 July 2003. Applicant claims Convention priority under 35 USC §119 from Japan Patent Applications 2002-215627 and 2002-215628.

The Patent Office acknowledged receipt of certified priority document copies via the return receipt postcard that accompanied the new application documents. The Patent Office also indicated, on the Office Action Summary dated 04 October 2004, that "[a]cknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or

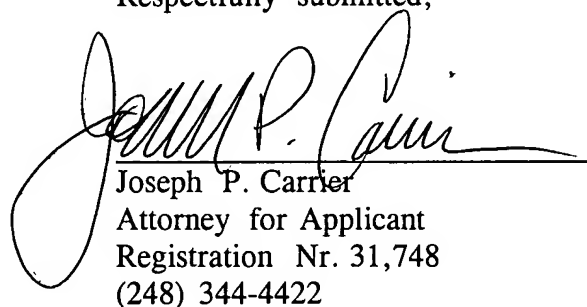
(f)" and that "[a]ll ...Certified copies of the priority documents have been received." This acknowledgement was not carried through to the Notice Of Allowability.

Applicant has filed the required certified priority document copies in support of its claim for Convention Priority under 35 USC §119.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

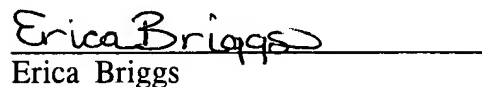
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